

WHY THEY STOLE IT

Two Hollanders Arrested for Stealing from a Cemetery.

THE ORDINANCE NOT GOOD

It is an Old Ordinance and Contains a Defect—The Wood Was Taken to Keep Families Warm.

Isaac Faltens and John Borkmar were arrested for cutting down timber in Greenwood cemetery. The two men are very poor and claim they are too poor to buy wood. They also claim that they did not know it was wrong to take the timber when they needed it so badly. The case was adjourned until today. It is believed that the ordinance under which they were arrested is defective. It provides for a fine of \$500 or less in the discretion of the court. Five hundred dollars is the largest fine which the charter allows the council to place upon any violation of any ordinance. The supreme court has held in one case carried up from this city that the council has no right to leave such a wide discretion with the judge, and it is believed that this ordinance would follow the decision cited. That means that one in which members of the Salvation army were arrested for marching in the streets, and while the weakness in the penalty clause was not the only ground on which the ordinance was knocked out, that clause was discussed and is mentioned in the opinion. The case will probably be discussed and a change will be brought under the statute.

May Abolish Justice Saunders.

The case of Dennis against Adams, which Attorney N. P. Allen claims will be the means of shaking the present justice court law into pieces and turning at least one justice out on a cold, sprud in the middle of winter, was given a hearing yesterday afternoon in Justice Holcomb's court. The history of the case, in brief, is this: Last November a Miss Johnson, who worked for Mrs. Dennis, a boarding house keeper, garnished the board bills of Bert Adams, Frank Hollister and J. Fanning on account of wages due her from Mrs. Dennis. The case, Mrs. Dennis claims, was set for November 21, in the afternoon, but a judgment was entered on the morning of that day in favor of the complainant. Attorney Allen now brings suit against Bert Adams, one of the boarders, to recover the amount of money paid to Miss Johnson, basing his suit on the grounds that Justice Saunders' court has no legal existence and that its presence in the city violates the entire justice court law under which the city justice is now run. Saunders was elected a justice in Grand Rapids township, but has moved his court into the city, and is still holding forth as a justice dispenser in the Leppig block on Lyon street. Judge Holcomb yesterday took the case under advisement and will render his judgment next Saturday.

Those Owning Bonds.

Circuit Court Commissioner Comstock yesterday completed his report on the Owning Bonds, the interest on which he has been computing for a fortnight. According to the decree of the court Mr. Comstock has computed the amount due all the bondholders who have put in their bonds, but the amount of bonds, principal and interest, is only \$1,000. The original issue of bonds was \$5,000, so that a good many bondholders have failed to put in their bonds and are now out part that amount. The amounts of principal and interest due to all parties who have complied with the court's ruling is as follows: Street Railway company \$1,000; J. M. Weston \$200; T. Stewart White \$112; Clark H. Gilbert \$50; T. D. Gilbert \$126.54. This latter sum is due to Mr. Gilbert as trustee for insurance premiums paid on the club house at Reed's lake, which is protected to the extent of \$4,000. This sum is sufficient to cover all the bonded indebtedness of the club as figured up, so that bondholders who have presented their claims will lose little if anything.

Damages for a Husband's Death.

Mrs. Jane Wolcott yesterday began suit by summons the circuit court as administrator of the estate of Nicholas Wolcott, claiming \$30,000 from the Michigan Central railroad for negligence in causing the death of her husband. On August 1 it appears that Wolcott, who had been under treatment for his heart in Detroit, bought a ticket for his trip, taking the seat in the front coach. Later, it is alleged, the conductor for some reason compelled Wolcott to get out of that coach, and he took a seat in the rear coach, which was switched off and went to Allegan. Being without friends or attendance in that village, Mr. Wolcott died August 3 of neglect, for which it is claimed the company is responsible.

Mrs. Williams' Estate.

The appeal case in the estate of Marie L. Williams, in which Joseph Williams is interested, was argued and submitted before Judge Grove yesterday. The motion being for a new trial. The case is interesting but was fully published during the proceedings in the probate court. Miss Williams is an adopted daughter of Mr. Williams. At the death of the latter's husband the two entered into an agreement to clear the place of a mortgage with which it was heavily encumbered, the place to belong to the survivor in case of the death of either. On Mrs. Williams' death, the legal heirs contested Miss Williams' claim, but were beaten on a former trial. Miss Williams is being awarded \$10,000.

That Yacht Case Again.

Judge Grove yesterday reversed the decision of the justice court in the case of Lucy D. Booth against William H. Brown. The case arises out of an incident of last summer. Mr. Brown last August saw a fisherman fall from the G. R. & L. bridge into Grand river. He used a steam yacht belonging to a son of Mrs. Booth to rescue the unfortunate fisherman, and in so doing, it is claimed, injured the boat. He was sued in Justice Westfall's court and given the costs against Mrs. Booth. Now Judge Grove has reversed the case and the costs are against him.

Ed H. Wilson's Will.

Carric F. Fairman, sole heir and executor of the estate of Edward H. Wilson, the late well-known druggist, yesterday filed a petition for the probate of her father's will. The estate is estimated to consist of \$10,000 real estate and \$10,000 of personal property. All of the property, except a \$10,000 life insurance in the Western Union Mutual Life society of the United States, which is bequeathed to his sister, Leandra Wilson, is given to his daughter, Mrs. Fairman.

Minor Court Notes.

George Hensley has petitioned the

probate court to be appointed administrator of the estate of Theodore P. Root of Tyrona township. The estate is valued at \$1,200 real and \$200 personal property.

Judge Marston C. Burch yesterday, as receiver of the A. W. Dodge Clothes Pin Manufacturing company of Morley, Michigan, has begun suit in the circuit court to recover \$200 from the Manufacturers Mutual Life Insurance company, an assessment paid the company, which is now in the hands of a receiver.

Nicholas Dickma, the Byron township farmer who licted his landlady, Elizabeth Lane, for disturbing his hen-roost in the cellar, was arraigned yesterday afternoon before Justice Westfall and pleaded not guilty. His trial was set for January 2 and meanwhile he remains in jail.

Cornelius De Ruyter was yesterday in Judge Adair's court given a judgment for costs and an attorney fee of \$15 in the case brought against him by Darwin D. Slater. The suit was for the recovery of commission on the sale of a Canal street block.

Deputy Sheriff Cowens has gone to Charlotte after Johannes Silvers, for whom a bench warrant was issued yesterday. Johannes engaged in a prize fight last spring and has to settle the affair with Judge Burlingame.

Henry Shellman, Harvey Shellman and Kirk Downing, charged with being disorderly in Mrs. Booth's rooms in Canal street block, were each fined \$5 and costs in police court yesterday.

Circuit Court.

JAMES GROVE—Arthur S. Taylor vs. Charles F. Kettie, certiorari; ordered that money now on deposit be paid to defendant in error to apply on judgment. Fred S. Sargeant vs. John C. Kennedy, trespass on the case; time to settle bill of exceptions extended sixty days. Lucy D. Booth vs. William H. Brown, certiorari; judgment of lower court reversed with costs. In re estate of Marie L. Williams, appeal of Sophie Williams from probate court; motion for new trial argued and submitted.

Superior Court.

JUDITH BURLINGAME—Mary E. Bridges vs. Ephraim Bridges, chancery; divorce granted.

Probate Court.

Estate Reuben Skinner, mentally incompetent; order allowing guardian to turn over certain assets of estate to creditor. Estate Jennie E. Woodworth, et al., minors; order appointing guardian. Estate Anton Worfel, deceased; inventory filed; order for widow's allowance. Estate Jan Willem Maraman, deceased; order to pay debts. Estate Edward R. Wilson, deceased; January 22 assigned for proving will; letters of special administration issued to Carrie F. Fairman. Estate Theodore P. Scott, deceased; January 26 assigned for appointing administrator. Estate Martha Shimmel, et al., minors; guardian's annual account filed. Estate Ira Atherton, deceased; order closing estate against claims. Estate Carrie E. Burch, deceased; acceptance of trust filed and letters testamentary issued to Michigan Trust company.

Police Court.

JAMES HOGERTY—Harry Shellman, Henry Shellman and Kirk Downing, disorderly; paid \$5 each. Isaac Faltens, violation of ordinance relative to cemeteries; adjourned to December 23. John Borkmar, violation of ordinance relative to cemeteries; adjourned to December 23.

Contagious Diseases.

L. Williams, No. 507 South Division street, measles; Elizabeth McDowell, Grinnell block, typhoid fever; M. T. Young, No. 178 Ellsworth avenue, chills; Florence Brennan, No. 187 Central avenue, measles.

Burial Permits.

Jennie Ramsey, Kalamazoo, Valley City; Carry Morrison, No. 7, Emerald street, Coopersville; Mary Vander Veen, No. 1 Stow street, Greenwood.

Real Estate Transfers.

Smith C. Young to Richard M. Dively, lot 32, Reynolds & Frank. His tiled, add. 400
William A. Bates and wife to B. N. Gilbert, lot 2, Gildersleeve & Herington's add. 500
John D. Jones and wife to Mrs. J. Jones, lot 2, Dunham farm add. 1,200
Franklin G. Snow and wife to Barbara Renny et al., lot 4, blk 4, W. D. Stevens' add. 1,800
George L. Roberts to Joseph C. McKeen, lot 24, Estell's add. 200
Dorothy Foster and wife to Joseph C. McKeen, lot 27, blk 1, O. A. Crozier's add. 1,300
George B. Wilson and wife to Dorey Foster, lot 27, blk 1, O. A. Crozier's add. 1,300
Henry W. Reid and wife to George B. Wilson, lot 27, blk 1, A. O. Crozier's add. 1,300
Gerald L. Marston to Marston & Monje, pt lot 11, blk 2, Withers' add. 50
John S. Lawrence, ex'r of last will of Henry Frick, to Joseph C. McKeen, piece of land on sec 26, T. 12, Grand Rapids. 600
William Wall to La Vandoe C. Wall, piece of land on sec 1, Plainfield. 2,000
Phillips L. Wall to Jane W. Crammer, piece of land on sec 24, Alpine. 1,000
George C. Fitch and wife to Rachel A. Burman, piece of land on sec 14, Wyoming. 400
Roelet Duiker et al. to Jacobus Baker, 40 ft fr lot 8, blk D, L. G. Meek's add. 800

Marriage Licenses.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued since last publication, with the names residences (when out of the city) and age of the parties.
John Hoverson, city, to Effie Alberda, city. 20-23
Albert Kingsley, city, to Amelia Munk, city. 20-19
Samuel Shier, Wright, Crossen county, to Mrs. Sarah Armitage, city. 30-41

The Modern Mother.

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant larvae Syrup of Figs when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

The Cook's Favorite—LILY WHITE.

Santa Claus will be at Leonard's all this week. Every child will receive a present.

Ask for LILY WHITE SYRUP.

Grand Rapids Savings Bank—Semi-Annual Dividend No. 41.

The directors of this bank have declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent, payable on and after Friday, January 5, 1894.

F. A. HALL, Cashier.

Do you use LILY WHITE SYRUP?

CONSIGNMENT SALE OF CLOAKS!

STARTS TOMORROW MORNING, SATURDAY, DEC. 30.

N. & M. FRIEDMAN

Have accepted the proposition made them by one of the largest cloak manufacturers in the country, namely: H. BLACK & CO., Cleveland, Ohio, to close out their entire line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks. The strictly high-grade, tailor-made garments made by this firm have gained a widespread reputation throughout the states for worth and value, style and fashionable make-up. The following letter is self explanatory:

H. BLACK & CO.
CLOAK MANUFACTURERS,
50 Bank Street,

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21, 1893.

Messrs. N. & M. FRIEDMAN, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Gentlemen—We have quite a number of this fall's goods on hand which we are willing to bill to you at 50 off from our regular price.

Can you get rid of a few hundred garments for us by advertising a sale immediately after Christmas? We will bill them to you at 50 per cent. off net on memorandum.

If you are willing to run these out at a CLOSE price, we are willing to let you have them on these conditions.

Yours truly,

H. BLACK & CO.

The entire shipment of garments arrived yesterday and today will be arranged in readiness to start this

GREAT CLOSING OUT SALE OF THIS COLOSSAL ASSORTMENT OF CLOAKS

AT LESS THAN

50 CTS. ON THE DOLLAR

OF THE MANUFACTURERS' COST OF PRODUCTION.

SATURDAY MORNING the slaughter of H. BLACK & CO'S CONSIGNMENT STOCK OF CLOAKS will commence. There is nothing likely to occur in this generation to again make such prices as these possible. Every effort will be focused on selling this stock at once. 'TIS A MANUFACTURER'S LOSS AND YOUR GAIN. Here is the way it is to be done. Quick, forced prices will do it—must, without a shadow of doubt, hurry the sale of every garment without a thought of what they are worth BUT WHAT THEY WILL BRING.

Ladies' elegant cloth Jackets, newest effects, \$10 values, consignment sale price \$5.00.

Ladies' \$15 Jackets at consignment price will be closed out at \$7.50.

Ladies' Jackets, elegant tan colored cloths, with Columbia collars, fur edged and umbrella skirt back, wholesale price \$15, sale price \$7.95.

Ladies' Jackets, extra quality beaver material, latest effects, \$16 value, will go at \$8.75.

Ladies' \$15 value cloth Capes, beautifully braided, at \$7.50.

Ladies' cloth Capes, elegantly made and trimmed, regular price to buy them is \$25, consignment price \$12.50.

Ladies' black cloth Jackets, with Worth collar, fur trimmed, handsome silk lining, in two lots, worth \$20 and \$25, will be closed out at once at \$10.00 for choice.

Ladies' Jackets, very fine material, extra large sleeves, derby collar, \$15.00 is the wholesale price, slaughter price will be \$7.95.

Ladies' elegant cloth Jackets, derby collar effect, minx fur trimmed, positively \$30 values, consignment sale price \$14.95.

Ladies' high grade plush Capes, fur trimmed, elegantly silk lined, \$25 is the regular price, we are authorized to sell them at \$12.50.

Ladies' \$28 values plush Capes, martin fur trimmed, silk lined, \$14.50 is the closing out price.

Ladies' \$30 plush capes, astrachan trimmed, silk lined, go at consignment sale at \$17.95.

Ladies' plush Cloaks, \$20 the price when bought regularly, consignment price \$12.50.

Misses' Jackets, derby collar, \$5 the wholesale price, at this sale they will be closed out at \$2.50 each.

Misses' elegant cloth Jackets, retail merchants pay \$7.50 for same kind, slaughtered at this sale in price at \$3.95.

Misses' novelty cloth Jackets, beautiful styles, as decidedly good value to buy at \$10, only need pay \$5.50 for them while they last.

Misses' fine beaver Jackets, Columbia collar, fur edged, colors navy and tan, \$10 is the price, \$5.95 is what you can purchase one at.

Including several lots of Misses' Jackets to be closed out at this sale as follows:

\$12.50 Jackets will go at \$6.75.

\$15 Jackets will be closed out at \$7.50.

\$20 Jackets are to be sold at \$10.00.

Children's Cloaks, in lots ranging in price up to \$5, placed here to close out at \$2.00 each.

Children's Cloaks, ranging in price up to \$15, will be slaughtered at \$8.00 for choice.

As a supplement of this great CONSIGNMENT SALE we will offer in our suit rooms the following, at extremely reduced prices:

Ladies' calico Wrappers 69c, worth \$1.25.

Ladies' indigo blue and silver grey Wrappers, \$1.75 values, at \$2.25.

Ladies' flannelette Wrappers reduced from \$2.25 to \$1.50.

Ladies' wool Tea Gowns reduced from \$5 to \$2.50.

Ladies' eiderdown Tea Gowns, \$10 values, reduced to \$5.00.

Including Ladies' Storm Serge and Flannel Suits, ranging in price \$10 to \$15, quick selling, is \$5.00 for choice.

The limited time allowed us in which to dispose of this mammoth stock—fully the size and assortment carried at the commencement of the season by any house in the state—makes it absolutely necessary to sacrifice them in the manner quoted above. This opportune time, when a cloak can be of long use and service to you and affording the privilege of choice of this season's productions will, no doubt, move them rapidly from our cloak rooms to your homes. Our large west window will, to an extent, serve as an index to the hundreds of styles and prices shown at this GREAT CONSIGNMENT SALE.

TOMORROW IS THE FIRST DAY OF SALE!

COME EARLY AND SECURE FIRST CHOICE.

N. & M. FRIEDMAN - - 70 and 72 Monroe St.